

Amendments to the Drawings:

In response to your objections to the drawings please note the following corrections, none of which result in the introduction of new matter:

In Figure 7, reference numerals "1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13" which allegedly have not been described in the specification have been renumbered to correlate with the previously described elements of the other figures. Therefore the following changes have been made:

Reference number 1 has been corrected to be number 320 described as a liner.

Reference number 3 has been corrected to be numbers 430a and 430b described as left and right side washers respectively.

Reference number 7 has been corrected to be number 414a described as a left side thumb stud.

Reference number 8 has been corrected to be number 414b described as a right side thumb stud.

Reference number 10 has been corrected to be number 308a described as a left side pivot pin.

Reference numbers 11 has been corrected to be number 440 described as a screw.

Reference number 12 has been corrected to be number 450 described as a spacer.

Reference number 13 has been corrected to be number 308b described as a right side pivot pin.

In Figure 14, reference numerals "1402, 1403, 1407, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412" which allegedly have not been described in the specification have been renumbered to correlate with the previously described elements of the other figures. Therefore the following changes have been made:

Reference number 1401 has been corrected to be number 420b described as a right side handle.

Reference number 1402 has been corrected to be number 320 described as a liner.

Reference number 1403 has been corrected to be numbers 430a and 430b described as left and right side washers respectively.

Reference number 1407 has been corrected to be number 308a described as a left side pivot pin.

Reference number 1409 has been corrected to be number 420a described as a left side handle.

Reference number 1410 has been corrected to be number 450 described as a spacer.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Discussion of Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-30 were examined.

Claims 1-24 were allowed. Applicants thank the examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Claims 25 and 28-30 were rejected for 35 USC §102 and/or §103 reasons. Claims 25 and 28-30 have been canceled for business considerations. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims without prejudice to include in a future divisional or continuation application.

Claims 26 and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant's have rewritten claims 26 and 27 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore claims 26 and 27 are in condition for allowance.

Discussion of Amendments to the Specification

As requested, the following amendments to the specification have been made:

- (1) In paragraph [0005], line 1 has been corrected to form a complete sentence.
- (2) In paragraph [0029], lines 1 and 3, "342" has been changed to read "340".
- (3) In paragraph [0035], line 1, after "300" a period has been added.
- (4) In paragraph [0035], line 5, "of the hole" has been deleted.
- (5) In paragraph [0035], line 12, "310" has been changed to read "301".
- (6) In paragraph [0037], line 12, "blade 310" has been changed to read "pin 342".
- (7) In paragraph [0046], line 3, "342" has been changed to read "340"
- (8) In paragraph [0056], line 1, "402" (second occurrence) has been changed to read "340".

The objection to the disclosure based on the above informalities should now be rendered moot by the amendment.

Furthermore, the following amendments to the specification have been made to correct additional informalities not previously discussed:

- (1) In paragraph [0031], line 10, "330" has been changed to read "310".
- (2) In paragraph [0036], line 1, "close" has been changed to read "closed".
- (3) In paragraph [0044], line 5, "422" has been changed to read "320b".

Please note that these amendments to the specification do not include any new matter.

No new matter has been introduced, and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining rejections of record is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Rejections under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 25, 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Carter, III U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0072004. Applicants have carefully reviewed the statement of the instant rejection and respectfully traverse. However, for business considerations, claims 25, 28 and 30 have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 USC §102(e) rejection.

Discussion of Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Carter, III U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0072004 in view of Chu U.S. Patent Number 6,729,029. Applicants have carefully reviewed the statement of the instant rejections and respectfully traverse. However, for business considerations, claim 29 has been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claim 29 in view of these remarks.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6143.

Respectfully submitted,



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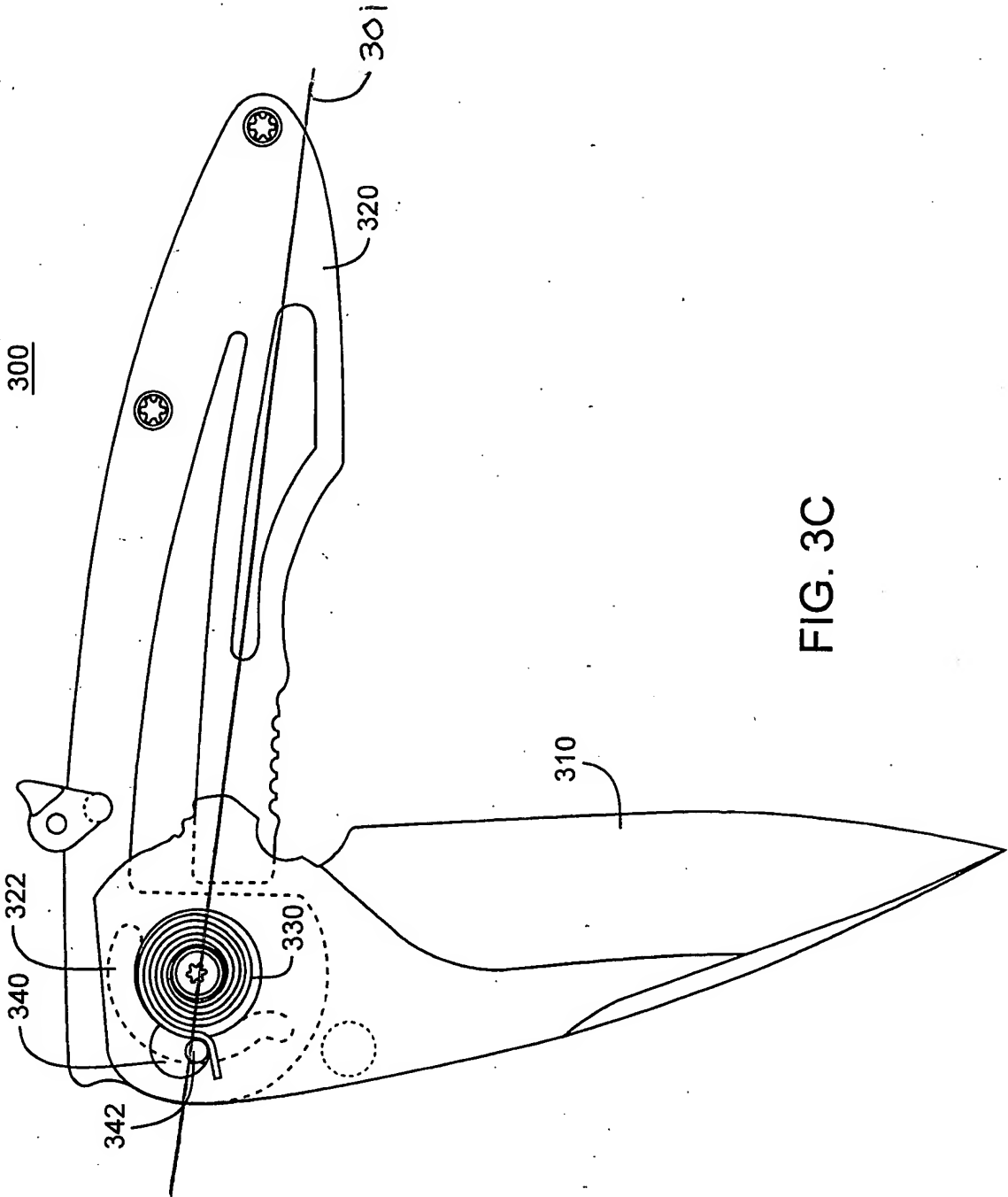


FIG. 3C

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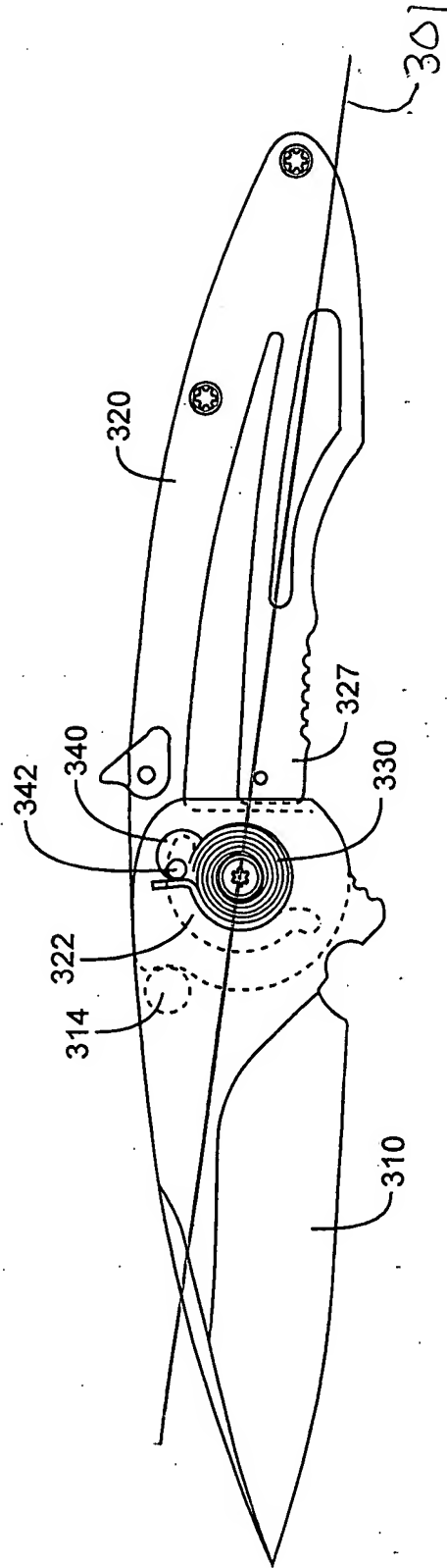


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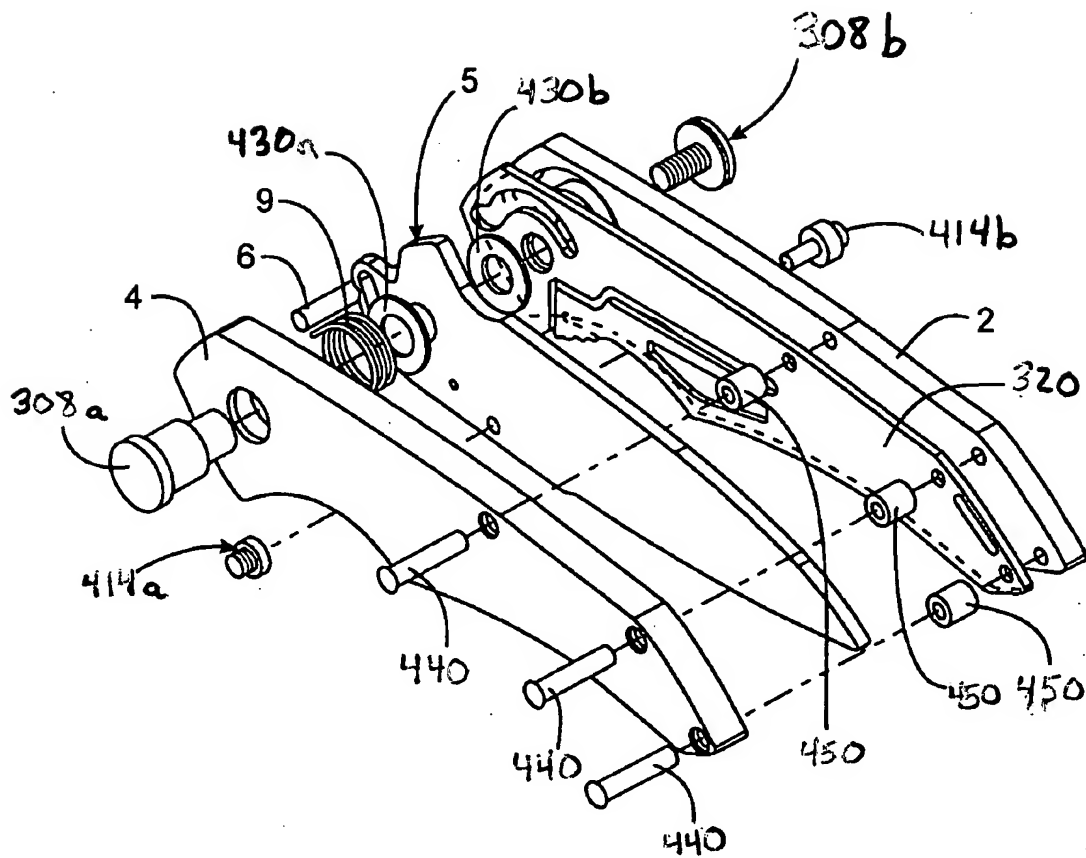


FIG. 7

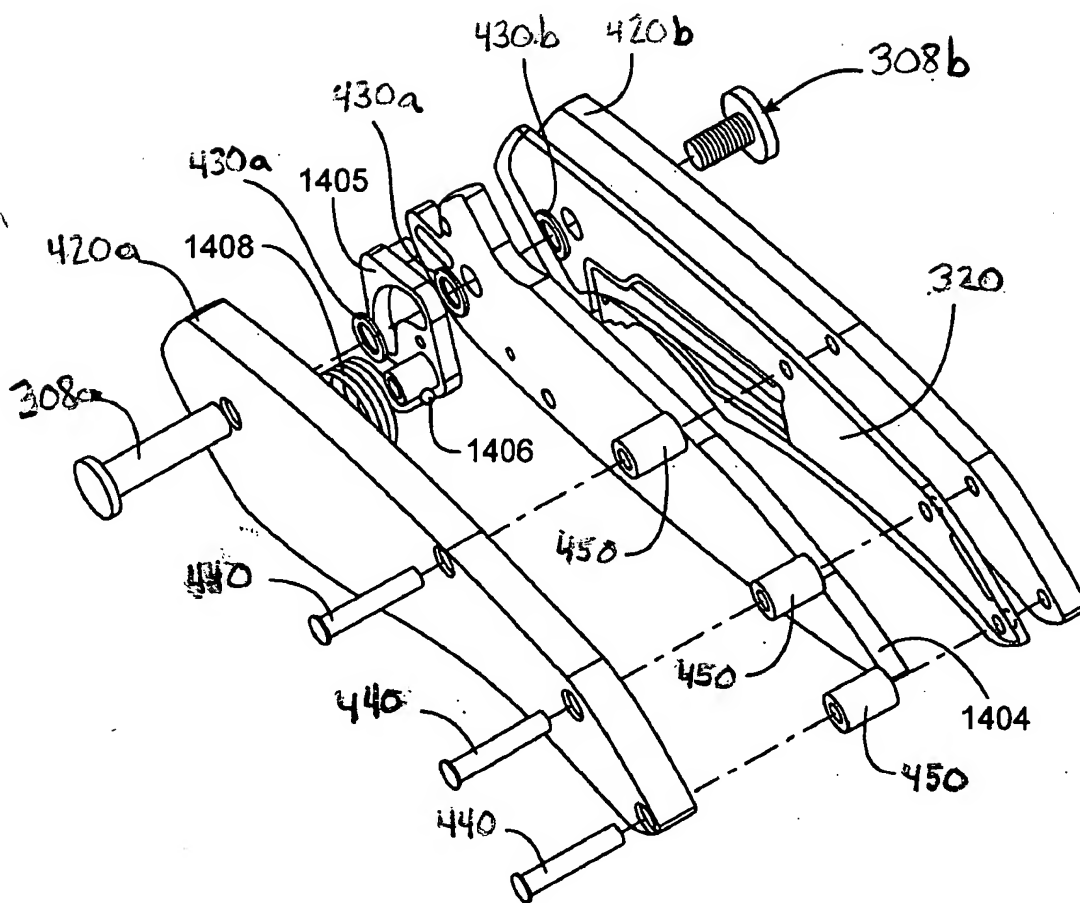


FIG. 14